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did not know the number.

We then wandered off in conversation and started to talk about the Hall case. I asked where De Russey's lane and a number of other known places in this case were, and he supplied me with the information where these places were and said that he knew the Gibson woman well; that about 10 years ago he sold her fish, and that he discontinued selling her fish because she was a nuisance and a liar, and that he had to go out of the way to get to her place anyway. He mentioned the fact that his brother's son Bob Erling drove thru De Russey's lane on the night of September 14, 1922, and claimed that he saw the Gibson woman out there in the lane that night; he had a girl with him also. Mr. Erling then said to me: "I don't see how they can convict any of the Hall family on that woman's testimony as she's a damn liar and all the people around this vicinity know it."

I could not question this man any further as I had used a pretext that I was trying to locate this Anna King in an effort to settle Anna's estate. I told him that the next time I come out from New York City I would drive out and then go down De Russey's lane and look the place over and that I would stop to see him. I then left Mr. Erling and returned to Mr. Watson's office.

Respectfully submitted:

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